

Statement of Matt Pagano, D.C.  
to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
Senate Bill 192  
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Sen. Crisco, Rep. Fontana and members of the committee:

My name is Matt Pagano. I am a licensed Chiropractic Physician, practice in Torrington and am a former president of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association (CCA). I represent CCA today in regard to Senate Bill 192 *An Act Concerning Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Primary Care Providers for individual or Group Health Insurance Policies.*

We believe SB 192 has a great deal of merit. It would permit consumers to designate specific physicians or APRNs as their in-network primary care provider. I think proposals like this will help consumers gain access to care.

We request that you add "Chiropractic Physicians" to this list. We are included along with physicians in the category of healing arts practitioners and also provide primary care services to patients within our scope of practice. We are a portal of entry practitioner as are the two professions referenced on the bill.

CCA appreciates your interest in encouraging individuals and families to designate their primary care physician. We would like to be part of this process also.

Thank you.